GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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REGIONAL BRANCH OFFICES OF MEA
Hussain Shri Anwar

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional Branch Secretariat Offices of the Ministry are functioning in various cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up such offices in Chennai and other parts of the country including in North Eastern Region;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the locations when these offices are likely to be set up location-wise;

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the time by which these offices would be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a)-(b) Branch Secretariats of the Ministry are functioning in Kolkata and Hyderabad.

(c)-(e) At present, a proposal to open a Branch Secretariat of the Ministry in Chennai is under consideration of the Ministry. This office will start functioning after administrative and other arrangements have been made with the assistance of the Tamil Nadu Government.